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## Top DEP Stories

WJET-TV: Firefighter gives first-hand account of LORD plant explosion, officials continue to investigate  
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<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/2025/02/10/parker-lord-saegertown-pa-explosion-under-investigation/78382678007/>

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<https://fox56.com/news/local/west-wyoming-odor-complaints-reveal-kratom-business-concerns-to-be-addressed#>

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<https://community.triblive.com/c/north-hills-journal/news/3728831>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Jet fuel pipeline that leaked into Bucks County wells should be shut down, legislators say

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## **Avian Influenza**

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<https://local21news.com/news/local/bird-flu-outbreak-lancaster-county-lebanon-county-pennsylvania-commercial-flocks-200000-affected-united-states-department-of-agriculture-february-10-2025#>

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## **Air**

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